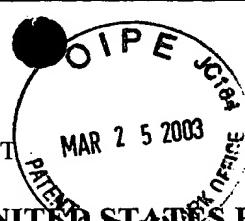


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Etsuko MATSUNAGA, et al.

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EXAMINER: M. A. Ibrahim

FOR: METHOD FOR INTRODUCING A GENE INTO A PLANT USING AN ADVENTITIOUS BUD REDIFFERENTIATION GENE UNDER THE CONTROL OF A LIGHT-INDUCIBLE PROMOTER AS A SELECTABLE MARKER GENE, AND VECTOR FOR INTRODUCING A GENE INTO A PLANT USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

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It is hereby requested that a three month extension of time be granted to March 25, 2003 for

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- filing a response to the Official Action dated: September 25, 2002
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

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The required fee of \$930.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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